National Housing Policy

1889. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objective of the national housing policy to end shelterlessness by the Ninth Plan has been achieved; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of housing units built up so far against the target fixed for the purpose;

(c) what are the hurdles experienced in achieving the targets; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated for successful implementation of National Housing Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) to (d) The Central Government announced in 1998 a National Housing and Habitat Policy which aims at providing 'Housing for All'. Pursuant to the National Housing Policy, special Action Plan was prepared for construction of additional 13 lakh new houses annually in the rural areas in addition to the existing target of about 12.50 lakh houses annually with an emphasis on extending benefits to the poor and the deprived. During the last three years of the 9th Five Plan period, against the target of 75.90 lakh, around 52.38 lakh houses have been constructed under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and through HUDCO & National Housing Bank (NHB). One of the major constraints in implementation of the Action Plan is inadequate budgetary resources. As a result, shelterlessness in rural areas by the end of 9th Plan could not be achieved in full.

Mode of implementation of SGRY

1890. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has directed State Government not to undertake any machinery intensive works under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana and instead work should be labour oriented that leads to creation of

additional wage employment, durable assets and infrastructure and an increase in the number of mandays generated with the available resources;

(b) if so, whether for the current year, allocation under the Scheme is Rs. 4,125 crores and 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains.

(c) if so, how much has been released up-till now for States; and

(d) by when remaining amount and foodgrains are to be released to States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The 1st instalment amounting to Rs. 2186 crores of cash component and 26.48 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for the current year have been released to 518 districts and 520 districts, till date, under Stream-I and Stream-II of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) respectively. The 1st instalment to the remaining districts will be released as and when they fulfill the conditions as prescribed in the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) Guidelines and 2nd instalment of funds and foodgrains will be released as and when complete proposal after utilizing 50% of the available cash component and 60% of foodgrains is received by the Ministry.

National policy on voluntary sector

1891. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a national policy on the voluntary sector to provide and enabling environment to strengthen voluntary action especially in areas of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps to be proposed by Government to strengthen the relationship between Institutions of local self-Government and voluntary Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information given by the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission is formulating a national policy on the voluntary sector to provide an enabling environment to strengthen voluntary actions in development efforts. A joint Machinery has been constituted by the Planning Commission to operationalise and the voluntary organizations.